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Dear Ms. Dixon:

This letter responds to the Department of Energy request for comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada (DOE/EIS-0250-D).

Please be advised that the Nevada Resort Association, by action of its Board of Directors on September 11, 1991, went on record opposing the establishment of a high-level, nuclear waste repository in the State of Nevada. Attached is a copy of the resolution which delineates the reasons for opposing the repository.

Sincerely,

William A. Bible

President

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RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, visitors from outside the State of Nevada constitute the economic life blood for this state's continued prosperity with their expenditures directly and indirectly accounting for more than half of the state's economic activity; and

WHEREAS, the emergence of gaming in new jurisdictions throughout the United States and the rest of the world has intensified the competition for tourists who seek to make gaming a part of their leisure experiences; and

WHEREAS, any diminution in the image that Nevada now conveys to the prospective visitor as an exciting, attractive, healthy and safe destination would reduce tourism and severely damage the welfare of Nevada's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a high-level, nuclear waste repository in Nevada is inconsistent with the positive image the state seeks to present to the world; and

WHEREAS, because Las Vegas, the principal resource in Nevada's tourism product, has earned international recognition as the recreation capital of the world and would be the closest population center to the proposed nuclear waste repository, any news story about the repository and the associated transportation of radioactive materials to it could cause special damage to the reputation enjoyed by Las Vegas and the success of its tourism promotion efforts; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, by its Board of Directors this 11th day of September, 1991, that the Nevada Resort Association objects to the establishment of a high-level, nuclear waste repository in the State of Nevada; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Nevada's Congressional delegation.

Robert H. Baldwin

Chairman of the Board

Richard W. Bunker

President